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report from the Natural Resources Committee. That's all that I have. (Legislative Journal pages 952-957.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you. (Visitors introduced.) We next move to Select File, LB 574. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 574 has been considered on Select File. Enrollment and Review amendments, I believe, were adopted yesterday, as was an amendment by Senator Bromm. The first item I have this morning is by Senator Brashear. Senator Brashear offers AM0705. (Legislative Journal page 791.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Brashear, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, AM0705 is an amendment that would apply strict liability to the state for injuries to innocent third parties resulting from any release of information from its database of digital images, digital signatures, and biometric identifiers. The language which we're proposing in AM0705 is essentially the same, although made applicable from the State Tort Claims Act relating to vehicular pursuit by law enforcement agencies. My reasoning is simple. I'm kind of halfway between two points of view on the floor. We are going to be constructing a new database. We are going to be accumulating new, important, vital, personal information. We are going to do it in a technologically advanced way and it is going to be readily available for hundreds and thousands of people. I do not approach the state doing that with complete and total trepidation. I think there are some good things that can flow from the accumulation of this data, yes, for law enforcement purposes, which I think are legitimate. I did, on General File, emphasize the fact that I wanted all of that to be subject to due process and I think the amendment which we've adopted, the Bromm amendment, has accomplished that. What I am saying with AM0705 is that if anything goes wrong. I understand that we've made it a crime to release the information. That would apply to the individual who wrongfully or erroneously releases the information. But what I'm doing is looking at, and I'm asking you to look at, what happens if it...if this information, legitimately accumulated for